

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

(Insert new paragraph on page 6 before line 10)

According to a second aspect of the present invention, a method for false sync code protection (SP) decoding of a video data signal encoded with padding bytes comprises the steps of: examining the video data signal in a byte-by-byte manner to identify a zero byte; determining if the padding byte follows the zero byte based on a predetermined criterion; and removing the padding byte next to the zero byte, if the predetermined criterion is met. Further, the padding byte may be a binary number 10100101 or equivalently a hexadecimal number A5.

(Amended, page 6, line 10)

According still further to [[a]] the second aspect of the present invention, if the predetermined criterion are met, the method further comprises the steps of: skipping one byte after the removed padding byte; and examining the video data signal in the byte-by-byte manner starting with a byte next to the skipped byte to identify a further zero byte.